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SUBJ: NEW UN MEMBER: COMOROS

1. SPONSORED BY ALL THE AFRICAN MEMBER STATES (EXCEPT SOUTH AFRICA) AND OVER TWENTY OTHERS, COMOROS WAS ADMITTED TO THE UN BY UNGA CONSENSUS NOVEMBER 12. PRIOR TO THIS ACTION, THE FRENCH PERM REP PRESENTED THE MAYOTTE PROBLEM AND REGRETTED FRANCE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSENSUS. LED OFF BY THE TANZANIAN PERM REP (SALIM), WHO ADDRESSED AT LENGTH FRANCE'S "NEW" AND "PREPOSTEROUS" POSITION ON MAYOTTE, THE REGIONAL CHAIRMEN FOR THE MONTH WELCOMED THE NEW MEMBER STATE. EQUATORIAL GUINEA (SPEAKING FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP), SRI LANKA (SPEAKING FOR ITSELF), AND UGANDA (SPAKING FOR THE OAU) ALSO ATTACKED THE FRENCH STAND. POLAND AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA USED THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT US OPPOSITION HAD PREVENTED THE TWO VIET NAMS FROM BECOMING MEMBERS.

2. AMBASSADOR SHERER, ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. AS HOST COUNTRY, GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE UNITED

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STATES WAS PLEASED TO VOTEIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR

THE ADMISSION OF THE COMOROS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, I WELCOME THE COMOROS TO THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY. TO THE PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS, WHOSE LOCATION AT A CROSSROADS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN HAS BROUGHT THEM CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RICHNESS, WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND ALL GOOD WISHES AS THEY ASSUME THE FULL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER STATE."

3. ANGOLA WAS FEATURED BY SOME. POLAND (SPEAKING FOR EAST EUROPE) LOOKED FORWARD TO ANGOLA'S ADMISSION AND YEMEN (FOR THE ARAB STATES) CONDEMNED "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" IN ANGOLA. CUBA'S PERM REP (SPEAKING FOR CUBA ALONE), THE LAST OF THE SPONSORS TO SPEAK, BEGAN WITH THE "THREATS AND SLANDERS" WHICH HAD ARISEN IN THE WAKE OF "RECENT UNGA DECISIONS", BUT HIS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO APPEAL FOR A CLOSING OF RANKS AROUND ANGOLA LED BY "MPLA, THE ONLY AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE," AGAINST THE "AGGRESSIONS OF IMPERIALISM AND THE MERCENARIES OF COLONIALISM."

4. IN HIS BRIEF RESPONSE, THE COMOREAN CHIEF OF STATE FOCUSED ON HIS COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND ON THE EVOLUTION IN FRENCH POLICY WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE PRESENT CONTENTION OVER MAYOTTE. HE HOPED FRANCE WOULD "RESPECT THE WILL OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE COMOREAN PEOPLE."

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